

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A communication system, comprising:
a speech input responsive to verbal communication;
a speech recognition processor responsive to said speech input and creating an electronic output representing said verbal communication;
a database storing words and ~~non-textual~~ non-language graphic image designators corresponding to said words;
a processor responsive to said electronic output representing said verbal communication to access a graphic image designator from said database which represents said verbal communication; and
a graphic image generator responsive to said graphic image designator to generate a non-language graphic image which represents said verbal communication.
2. (Original) The communication system of Claim 1, further comprising at least one computing device which includes said speech recognition processor.
3. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim 2, wherein said at least one computing device is selected from the group consisting of personal computers, workstations, servers, clients, mini-computers, main-frame computers, laptop computers, mobile computers, palm-top computers, hand-held computers, set top boxes for a television, web-enabled televisions, interactive kiosks, personal digital assistants, interactive wireless communications devices, web-enabled wireless communications devices, mobile web browsers, pagers and cellular phones.
4. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim 2, wherein said at least one computing device comprises a display screen for displaying said non-language graphic image.
5. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim 2, wherein said at least one ~~communication~~ computing device accesses a network.
6. (Original) The communication system of Claim 1, wherein said speech recognition processor comprises an acoustic processor and a word decoder.

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7. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim 1, wherein said non-language graphic image is selected from the group consisting of static pictures, moving pictures, and animations.

8. (Original) The communication system of Claim 1, wherein said speech recognition processor comprises a syntax module.

9. (Original) The communication system of Claim 1, wherein said speech recognition processor comprises a phrase correlator.

10. (Currently Amended) A process for communicating, comprising:
inputting verbal communication to a processor;
matching, in said processor, said verbal communication with graphic, ~~non-textual~~ non-language images representing said verbal communication; and
outputting from said processor said non-language graphic images.

11. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 10, further comprising transmitting said non-language graphic images to a display screen.

12. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 10, further comprising responding to said non-language graphic images by inputting additional verbal communication.

13. (Original) The process of Claim 10, wherein said step of inputting verbal communication comprises speaking.

14. (Original) The process of Claim 12, further comprising at least two users, wherein said step of inputting verbal communication and said step of responding by inputting additional verbal communication are undertaken by different users.

15. (Currently Amended) A communication system, comprising:
a text source for generating electronic output representing words;
a database storing words and ~~non-textual~~ non-language graphic image designators corresponding to said words;
a processor responsive to said electronic output representing words to access a graphic image designator from said database which represents said words; and
a graphic image generator responsive to said graphic image designator to generate a non-language graphic image which represents said words.

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16. (Original) The communication system of Claim 15, further comprising at least one computing device which includes said speech recognition processor.

17. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim 16, wherein said at least one computing device is selected from the group consisting of personal computers, workstations, servers, clients, mini-computers, main-frame computers, laptop computers, mobile computers, palm-top computers, hand-held computers, set top boxes for a television, web-enabled televisions, interactive kiosks, personal digital assistants, interactive wireless communications devices, web-enabled wireless communications devices, mobile web browsers, pagers and cellular phones.

18. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim 16, wherein said at least one computing device comprises a display screen for displaying said non-language graphic image.

19. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim 16, wherein said at least one ~~communication~~ computing device accesses a network.

20. (Original) The communication system of Claim 15, wherein said speech recognition processor comprises an acoustic processor and a word decoder.

21. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim 15, wherein said non-language graphic image is selected from the group consisting of static pictures, moving pictures, and animations.

22. (Original) The communication system of Claim 15, wherein said speech recognition processor comprises a syntax module.

23. (Original) The communication system of Claim 15, wherein said speech recognition processor comprises a phrase correlator.

24. (Currently Amended) A process for communicating, comprising:

inputting words to a processor;

matching, in said processor, said words with graphic, ~~non-textual~~ non-language images representing said words; and

outputting from said processor said non-language graphic images.

25. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 24, further comprising transmitting said non-language graphic images to a display screen.

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26. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 24, further comprising responding to said non-language graphic images by inputting additional ~~verbal communication~~ words.

27. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim ~~25~~ 24, wherein said step of inputting ~~verbal communication~~ words comprises ~~speaking~~ using a keyboard, mouse, touch-pad, joystick, or pen-input-pad.

28. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim ~~25~~ 26, further comprising at least two users, wherein said step of inputting ~~verbal communication~~ words and said step of responding by inputting additional ~~verbal communication~~ words are undertaken by different users.

29. (New) The communication system of Claim 1, wherein said non-language graphic image comprises a language component disposed on or about said non-language graphic image.

30. (New) The communication system of Claim 29, wherein said language component is selected from the group consisting of letters, numbers, and words.

31. (New) The communication system of Claim 15, wherein said non-language graphic image comprises a language component disposed on or about said non-language graphic image.

32. (New) The communication system of Claim 31, wherein said language component is selected from the group consisting of letters, numbers, and words.